AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before line 1, insert the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/985,400 filed November 2, 2001 (Confirmation No. 3573), which is a divisional application of Serial No. 08/877,518 (Confirmation No. 6133) filed June 17, 1997, the entire contents and disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference. This application is also related to Serial No. 08/809,262 (Confirmation No. 6379) filed March 16, 2001, and Serial No. ______ (Confirmation No. ______) filed November 2, 2001, both of which are also divisional applications of Serial No. 08/877,518 filed June 17, 1997 (Confirmation No. 3573); the entire disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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[Figure 5 is] Figures 5(a) and 5(b) are views to show a lubricant supply device according to the first embodiment of the invention; 5(a) and 5(b) are a sectional view and a front view of the lubricant supply device respectively;

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[Figure 6 is] Figures 6(a) and 6(b) are views to show a retaining ring according to the first embodiment of the invention; 6(a) and 6(b) are a side view of the retaining ring and a front view from the outside of the retaining ring;

[Figure 7 is an illustration] Figures 7(a) and 7(b) are illustrations to explain the effects of notches and expansion members according to the first embodiment of the invention; 7(a) shows a state before the expansion members are inserted and 7(b) shows a state after the expansion members are inserted;

Figure 8 is a sectional view to show the main part of a ball screw according to a second embodiment of the invention;

[Figure 9 is] Figures 9(a) and 9(b) are views to show a lubricant supply device according to the second embodiment of the invention; 9(a) and 9(b) are a sectional view and a front view of the lubricant supply device respectively;

[Figure 10 is] Figures 10(a) and 10(b) are views to show an expansion member according to the second embodiment of the invention; 10(a) and 10(b) are a side view and a front view of the expansion member respectively;

[Figure 11 is] Figures 11(a) and 11(b) are views to show a retaining ring according to the second embodiment of the invention; 11(a) and 11(b) are a side view of the retaining ring and a front view from the outside of the retaining ring;

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Further, as shown in Figure 22, the portion of the lubricant supply device coming in contact with the screw shaft 1 may be formed into a plurality of lip parts [[30]] 130 actually arranged.